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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN PRESS REPORTS SOVIET PROPOSAL ON MEPC

1. LOCAL DAILIES APRIL 30 CARRY MENA STORY DATED LINED MOSCOW CONCERNING SOVIET PROPOSAL, APPARENTLY PUBLICIZED BY TASS, TO HOLD GENEVA MEPC IN TWO STAGES; FIRST STATE TO DEAL WITH PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING SPECIFIC PARTIES TO THE DISPUTE, AND SECOND STATE WOULD INVOLVE NEGOTIATION OF COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT. ARTICLES ADD, ALMOST AS AFTERTHOUGHT, THAT PLO WOULD PARTICIPATE IN BOTH STAGES.

2. COMMENT: EASTERN EUROPEAN AMBASSADORS CLAIM TO BELIEVE THAT NEWEST SOVIET PROPOSAL IS SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT OVER USG PLAN FOR INFORMAL CONTACTS PRIOR TO CONVENING GENEVA MEPC SINCE PLO TO BE INCLUDED IN PRELIMINARY ROUND AND ALL DISCUSSIONS TO BE HELD IN MEPC CONTEXT. LOCAL DAILIES APPEAR MORE REALISTIC;
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SOVIET PROPOSAL TREATED IN ROUTINE WAY AS ANOTHER NON-STARTER.

FACT THAT PAPERS SAVE SUGGESTION THAT PLO BE INCLUDED IN
FIRST STAGE OF RECONVENED MEPC FOR LAST SENTENCE OF ARTICLES
INDICATES THAT LOCAL PRESS WELL AWARE OF COOL RECEPTION SOVIET
INITIATIVE LIKELY TO RECEIVE FROM USG AND ISRAELIS.
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